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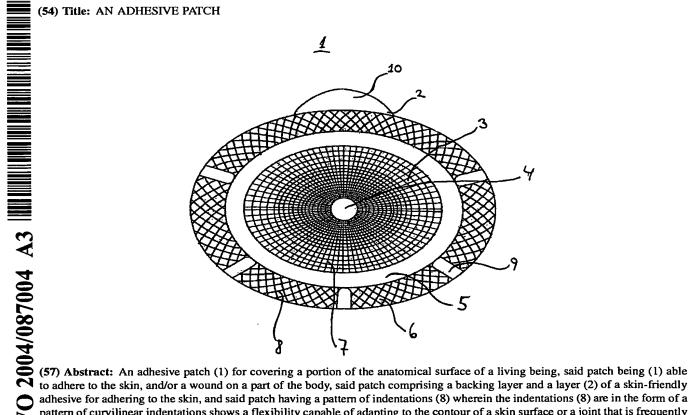
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adhesive for adhering to the skin, and said patch having a pattern of indentations (8) wherein the indentations (8) are in the form of a pattern of curvilinear indentations shows a flexibility capable of adapting to the contour of a skin surface or a joint that is frequently bent ensuring a snug fit and a safe grip.



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